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TAGS: UK MASS MCAP
SUBJECT: ALLEGATION THAT BRITISH DEFENSE CONTRACTOR
FINANCED BY SOVIET BANK

1. THE TIMES AND THE DAILY TELEGRAPH BOTH REPORT
AUGUST 19 THE ALLEGATION MADE BY THE CONSERVATIVE
LEADER OF THE WEST MIDLANDS COUNTY COUNCIL THAT THE NOW-
BANKRUPT BRITISH FIRM KNOWN AS CYLINDER FORMINGS LTD
WAS FINANCED BY THE MOSCOW NARODNY BANK. THE ALLEGATION
IS THAT THE BANKRUPT BRITISH COMPANY WAS A MOD
CONTRACTOR INVOLVED IN SUPPLYING MISSILE PARTS UNDER
NATO CONTRACTS.

2. OFFICIALS IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE INFORMED POL-
MIL ATTACHE THAT INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO MOD DOES NOT
SUPPORT THE ALLEGATION. AS FAR AS THE MOD IS CONCERNED,
CYLINDER FORMINGS LTD HAS NEVER HAD A UK DEFENSE
CONTRACT AND MOD HAS NO KNOWLEDGE THAT THE FIRM HAS
EVER HAD ANY NATO DEFENSE CONTRACTS.

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3. MOD OFFICIALS PROMISE FURTHER DETAILS IF ANYTHING
SUBSTANTIAL COMES TO LIGHT CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

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